The total quantity of foodgrains damaged and rendered unfit for human consumption will be known only after the salvaging operations of the remaining affected stocks is completed:

(c) The FCI has adopted the following measures for creation of additional storage/Warehousing capacity for storing the procured grain.

(i) Higher utilisation of covered capacity, both owned and hired.

(ii) Expediting own construction programme, FCI has already constructed 3.14 lacs tonnes capacity godowns between 1992-93 to 1994-95 and proposed to add another 1.43 lacs tonnes storage capacity during the current year 1995-96.

(iii) Building of Cap complexes for storing of wheat in the consuming states.

(iv) Hiring of available storage capacity from CWC, SWC, State Govt. agencies and private parties.

During the last 3 years the storage space available with the FCI and the Stock position is given below:—

(Fig. in Million Tonnes)

As on	Storage space	Stocks	%Utilisation
1	2	3	4
31.3.93	19.46	12.04	62%
31.3.94	23.66	18.94	80%
31.3.95	27.40	20.96	77%
1.10.95	27.92	19.36	69%

Between 31.3.93 and 1.10.95 additional 8.46 million tonnes of storage capacity has been arranged by FCI.

Cases of Export of Spurious Material by Traders

50. SHRI JAGMOHAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of cases have come to the notice of Government in which some traders are misusing the 'Moscow Conduit' to export spurious materials or junk and then secure huge amounts of foreign exchange; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the cases and what action have been taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) Some complaints of illegal switch trade in respect of export of certain goods to Russia under the Debt Payment route had been received. These have been forwarded to the Directorate of Enforcement in the Ministry of Finance for appropriate action. In respect of alleged cases of export of sub standard/ spurious material to Russia, penal action is taken where evidence is established, under the provisions of the Import and Export (Control) Act, 1947 and the foreign Trade (Development and Regulation) Act, 1992.

Welfare schemes in CIL

51. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Coal India companies have welfare schemes for their employess;

(b) whether it is a fact that CIL also takes up community welfare programmes in the adjoining areas; and

(c) if so, what are the details of the welfare and community development schemes taken up in BCCL, CCL and Rajmahal project (in Bihar).

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The welfare and community development schemes taken up by Bharat Coking Coal Limited, Central Coalfields Limited and Rajmahal project of Eastern Coalfields Limited include sinking of wells, construction of passengers shed,

construction of link road / culvert, electrification and street lights in villages, installation /reparing of hand pumps, construction /renovation of ponds, construction of dam, construction / extension / reparing of school buildings, supply of furniture /apparatus to schools, construction of children's park, sulabh sauchalays, burning ghat, community centres, library and adult education centre in villages, stadium / play ground and supply of sports material to villagers etc.

Financial Losses at Indian American Expo in USA

52. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state that:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian American Expo organised by the Global Exhibitions Limited at the Atlanta city in USA resulted in fiasco causing huge financial losses and other problems to Indian participants; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) Indo-American Expo was held at Atlanta City, New Jersey, USA from 14h to 16th June, 1995. This Expo was organised by the private agencies viz: Global Exhibition Ltd. Hyderabad and Global Expositions Inc., New York. This exhibition was a wholly private initiative and no financial assistance was given by Government.

The Consul General of India, New York has intimated that against an expected participation of about 500 Indian companies, only 120 companies were able to participate, the Expo is reported to have been partially successful as majority of the participants from India were able to contact a number of importers in New York and New Jersey areas of USA and were able to get a feel of the American market.

Autonomous Development Councils

53. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to set up autonomous development councils in some States;

(b) if so, the States where such councils are proposed to be set up;

(c) the justification for constitution of such Councils; and

(d) the details of the steps taken in that direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAVA): (a) There is no proposal before the Planning Commission for setting up autonomous development councils in some States.

(b) to (d) Do not arise..

Duty Exemption Scheme for Import of Raw Materials

54. SHRI V. RAJESHWAR RAO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state that:

(a) whether the duty exemption scheme for the import of duty-free raw materials has been successful;

(b) if so, what is the extent of its success;

(c) whether the five categories of licences under this scheme will be expanded;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) what is the response of the importers to this scheme, and whether they have suggested any modification, if so, details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Duty Exemption Scheme has been an effective instrument for promot-